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FASCISTS STEP UP GANGSTER TACTICS

The fascist offensive has taken a new turn with the "going public" of the para-militaries. The breathing space between the intial attacks and the coming offensive is a question of organisation by the para-militaries. They are using petro-chemical and magnesium based devices, nail guns (see news reports) and molotov cocktails at present and are evidently short of heavy explosives. Apparently orders from outside Britain were the signal for the first phase of the incidents. It is known that at least one Column 88 leader, Richard Haller, is on the continent. Column 88 and its sister organisations are operating from at least 8 different parts of Britain and are anxious not to get their cadres arrested too quickly by waging an ill-prepared offensive. So they are stocking up through their "quarter-masters" some of them are moving homes to avoid arrest or retaliation and they are pumping arms and ammunition out from drill halls, rifle clubs and army camps throughout their contact system. The offensive is against "open" i.e. vulnerable targets, for example book-shops, offices, shops and so on. The earlier 1977 offensive by the section calling itself the "Eleventh Hour" was launched from the East Ham area of London. The American nazi journal "Thunderbolt" actually identifies the gun-men as "members of the British Movement". The arrests of three men, one of them a National Front member, on fire-arms charges, has no strict connection with the bombings according to our sources. All of the 3, alleged to have weapons, were Column 88 contacts or members but none of them held rank. One of 88's explosives experts lives in Hampshire, another in Coventry and a third in mid-Kent. None of these 3 high ranking criminals have been raided or

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or arrested for any offences.

The offensive is designed to do three things. Firstly to instil general panic and confusion into a volatile political situation with the aim of provoking general violence. Evidently general violence is planned or else 88 members expect it since many have changed circles and moved home within the last two or three months. One of them, rumoured to be number 4 in the organisation, has abandoned a large mansion house just outside Brighton for a smaller place in Lewes some miles east. Secondly it is designed to show both 88's own members and its detractors that the underground army of 300 men and women can strike out at its opponents effectively. It has proved this in so far as the Special Branch has been unable to arrest either the bomb makers or planters, nor the leaders of the organisation. Thirdly it is an escalation or qualitiative change in the pattern of organised fascist violence which has steadily grown since the 73 West Bromwich by-election and the arrival of the National Front as a force in political life. The escalation is a parallel development to the growing disunity in the ruling classes over the direction for Britain and 88 hopes that this disunity will fester better in a climate where the bomb and the bullet are common currency.

There is not the remotest doubt that the National Front's leadership and its rich landowner patrons regard the violence as welcome. Firstly it adds to public confusion and that helps the N.F., secondly it is not directly attributable to the N.F. - although there is always a risk that massive police swoops will net 88 members with N.F. cards or N.F. thugs with 88 connections. This is quite acceptable to both Tyndall and Webster who were involved in a similar way when "Spearhead" opperated in front of the B.N.P. and N.S.M. They believe that their road to power lies ultimately in full scale communal violence and this process is helped by a terrorist threat. Of course there is N.F. involvement in 88 at a high level just as in other smaller paramilitaries. In anti-fascist circles certain N.F. names are frequently mentioned when talking of para-militarism, but 88 has tended to control the N.F. through proteges like Richard Harwood Verral than vice-versa. Links between the N.F. and 88 lie predominantly through the South Coast Circle which is an informal group of top nazis either in 88 itself or "free-lancing" on the periphery. Men such as Anthony Hancock, Robin Beauclaire, Ted [illegible], Terry Boyle etc. [illegible] the N.F.'s printing, especially Tyndall's has been handled through this circle and joint meetings of 88 and N.F. leaders to discuss policy matters are usually conducted through these intermediaries or similar people.

One explanation of the timing of the bombings, according to consistent rumour in fascist circles is that 88's bombings are to remove the straight jacket imposed on full scale confrontation by the Rees-McNee ban (it is known that on at least 2 occasions 88 and N.F. leaders met to discuss "matters of mutual interest"). The N.F., despite increasing votes (until very recently) has a static membership figure. The "Battle of the Streets" was its main source of younger members and its much vaunted N.F.Y.M. was launched on this basis rather than on "how to spot a Red teacher" campaigns. Fans on parades have taken this method of recruitment from them and marginally lowered the political boiling point (we pleased to report that since the removal of the ban the sheer size of anti-fascist demonstrations has continued to deny this recruiting ground to the fascists). 88's bombings could be to set the pot boiling again and demonstrate its own specific role in creating a climate of general uncertainty. Recent election results increase the dangers of further terror. With "no second bite at the cherry" until at least October, the fascists must harness and channel their thug element and violence, no matter who actually claims responsibility, is the medium they will choose.

In our last issue the editor expressed surprise that the apparently sophisticated Column 88 should use the primitive and dangerously unreliable explosive sodium chlorate. This is not because 88 itself is amateurish, though it may well wish to convey that impression firstly to avoid suspicion for higher calibre bombs which it may plant and try to blame on Communists (a typical Italian style fascist trick). Secondly it may have received orders externally and been caught six weeks short of a build up to maximum efficiency, i.e. been short of gally or other hard to hoard explosives. Thirdly it may wish to give the authorities an impression of military harmlessness.

The main problem for anti-fascists is developing both an early warning system of fascist targets and producing an effective response. It has been too well demonstrated in the 10 years of 88's exictence that the police have been unable to monitor or break up their activities. It is naive to hope that we can relo on the police alone to protect us. In the mean time we have to await events that could bring death and disaster to anti-fascists ant their families.

TOLL OF TERROR

a summary

FROM "FOREWARNED"NEWS UNIT

WOLVERHAMPTON - 2 West Indian youths were gunned down in the street. Three men have been charged.
MANCHESTER - 2 petrol bombs were slammed into a pro-Anti-Nazi League garage badly burning a 6 year old Asian girl. The bombing followed an A.N.L. petition being displayed at the garage.
MUSWELL HILL - A Communist's home was wrecked by raiders who left "sunwheel" and 88 emblems on walls and doors.
HORNSEY - "Nail guns" (shot guns loaded with nails) blasted the Jewish synagogue's doors, an Asian shop and a Communist's home. There were, fortunately, no injuries reported.
EAST END - The offices of a small "leftist" group "Socialist Challenge" were badly damaged by fire. The "Eleventh Hour Brigade" claimed responsibility.
BRIGHTON A petrol bomb thrown at a Communist's home was followed by a magnesium based flare being hurled at the Labour Party offices in Lewes Rd.
CENTRAL LONDON - Bombs were sent to the head-quarters of the official Communist Party (C.P.G.B.) and the National Union of Public Employees. The former exploded, cutting and burning a care-taker.
HIGH WYCOMBE - An incendiary device exploded in a bus garage where a leading A.N.L. activist worked.
DURHAM - A bomb was sent to the A.N.L. but was defused.
ROMFORD - A bomb was sent to an Asian worker, mistaken for a Communist activist.
PETER HAIN - The A.N.L. leader was fired upon. He was not hit and police are investigating.

In addition to this list of incidents, attacks by the "Eleventh Hour Brigade" since the confrontation in Lewisham last summer (August 13th), have accounted for one shooting incident and four fire-bombings in the East End of London. Fortunately so far no one has been killed.

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Fascists declare "We are going to bomb and burn"

As police woke up to the fact that Column 88 does exist and has planted several explosive devices, a leading member of the self styled 11th Hour Brigade claimed, "WE sent the bomb to N.U.P.E. because it is a front for the Communist Party and we are going to send more". He told friends in a Bethnal Green pub that, "The police have no ideas as to who we are or where we are but we can pick out targets at random and hit them - we are going to bomb and burn all over London until the Reds and Jews and Blacks pack their bags and get out". The story, from a reliable source, is borne out by information reaching us concerning 88 intentions. After first denying that it still existed, its mouth-pieces are now saying that it did not send any bombs but in private there are talks going on to review the situation created by the attacks, which, it now seems, were carried out by some of its units without the knowledge of all of its officers and agents. The unit responsible is said to be led by a South Yorkshire National "Socialist" and a former serviceman. The bombs, home made with batteries as detonators, were posted some way from the base which could be near either Sheffield or Bridlington. Police have not yet raided the man said to be responsible although they have raided three of his confederates. Anti-fascists are puzzled about the pattern of police raids. 3 well known expert Column 88 bomb makers have not been touched while 2 minor members have been detained in different places. It is believed that Special Branch officers may have visited Wiltshire apparently in search of a man connected with supplying arms and ammunition to 88. The Column's security officer Richard Haller is now in northern Italy but has been in France, Belgium and Switzerland recently. Other senior 88 officers in Manchester and Sussex has disappeared in the last few weeks and a field commander has moved from the Midlands to Bedfordshire The latest issue of "SEARCHLIGHT" has excelled by publishing the transcript of an 88 recruiting tape in full. This will anger 88 whose duping of the police is not so effective against seasoned anti-fascist researchers. "SEARCHLIGHT"s editor, Maurice Ludmer, described the taped instructions as "further evidence of 88's tight security procedures."

FOREWARNED open letter to the Home Secretary, Merlyn Rees

Dear Sir,

We are very concerned at the mounting level of fascist violence in this country, including petrol bombings, personal assaults on anti-fascists and members of minority groups and parcel bombings. What alarms us most of all is the refusal of the police and Home Office to recognise this as fascist politically motivated violence except in the few cases where the fascists have admitted responsibility (for example the Column 88 parcel bombings). Even in cases where immigrants have been assaulted by youths wearing Ku Klux Klan style white hoods, the police refuse to recognise that the violence is political.

Coupled with this is our concern over the dual standards which operate in our courts in dealing with ordinary and with fascist offenders. For example, a wealthy Brighton hotelier who is a known nitlerite, working towards the overthrow of the state by fascists, was convicted recently of illegal possession of a gas gun. He received only a £300 fine - very little to a man of his wealth. Yet Soroya Ali, a 21 year old anti-fascist has been gaoled at Manchester Crown Court for 18 months after being convicted of possessing a piece of wood and some jiff lemons. At the same court 4 fascists were convicted of maliciously wounding 2 anti-fascists, breaking the arm of one and partially blinding the other. One of the fascists received a six month gaol sentence and the other 3 were fined only £75 each. One of those fined was Frank Burden, a Leeds National Front member. He had been photographed on a National Front demonstration in June 1975 carrying a rifle but police failed to charge him. On leaving Manchester Crown Court he went back to Yorkshire and severely assaulted an Asian who happened to be an off-duty policeman. Even for this he was gaoled for only 9 months.

If this trend continues it can only result in a total loss of confidence in the government's and police's ability or willingness to protect us from fascist violence. This could, tragically, lead to many immature people, especially from those communities who are subjected to fascist violence and terror taking their self-defence and the law into their own hands. This would give rise to a terrible situation of tit-for-tat violence and communal war such as prevails in Ulster now. Surely you do not want this to happen.

We cannot understand why the government does not take a far firmer line with the fascists as it does with other terrorists like the Provisional I.R.A. and the Angry Brigade. We do not believe that you are "in league" with the fascists, you would hardly plot your own overthrow. The only other explanation is that the fascists, co-ordinated and led by Column 88, have succeeded so far in infiltrating the state, i.e. the armed forces, volunteer defence units, the civil service, the security services, the police and the judicial system etc., etc.,, that you are afraid to reveal just how far it has gone. If the threat of fascism in this country is at the moment so great that the government alone cannot cope with it and is afraid to try (as Allende was), if you are being blackmailed by the fascists, whom we know to have powerful landowning aristocratic allies in the highest r nksof the armed forces (who would rather see this country thrown backwards to the dark ages of feudal fascist totalitarianism than submit to the land reforms that our industry needs so much) then you have a duty to warn the people of this country. The British people proved, during the second world war, that when told the truth about the threat of German fascism and the sacrifices that would be needed to stop it, by Churchill, that they were not panicked but acted in a co-ordinated, disciplined and effective way and defeated the threat. It is the uncertainty and fear of the unknown that gives rise to loss of confidence and trust in the government, panic and irresponsible, ineffective anti-fascist measures.

The government would warn the people of measures they should take to protect themselves if a serious epidemic threatened. German nazism cost Europe 30,000,000 dead. Surely the government must warn the people to organise correctly, in a co-ordinated, industrially based (i.e. an anti-fascist committee in every work place) manner to defend themselves from the fascist threat.

We call upon the government to ban Column 88 and the Eleventh Hour Brigade and other fascist terrorist and para-military organisations and to clamp down fairly and squarely of fascist violence.

We also call upon the government to tell the truth about the extent of the fascist threat and to give people warning and advice as to how to organise to defend themselves (and yourself, who are as vulnera-

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Insocial gossip

BY PETER MEAD

Fascists have daubed an Asian club in Wilenhall, Staffs. All the usual jargon, "Crack-a-Pak", "N.F. O.K.", "Hitler was right" and so on ad nauseum. The boys in blue, who are up against a devious foe, do not seem to know who could be responsible for these offences. Psssst lads, just across the road there's a big building marked Catholic Hall and the N.F. holds martial arts classes there. Is that a good enough clue?.....Yes, well I thought not.

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Mr Pitt, a Walsall Tory councillor was walking alongside a N.F. march, on the pavement that is. He was asked why he did not walk in the road with his pals. "Not yet", said Mr Pitt. Commie M.P.s in the Labour Party? Someone should tell his best friend.

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ble as anyone, should the fascists seize power) from the threat.

If the government will not do this then the people have no recourse but to organise on their own initiative, knowing that the government has refused to take the necessary steps to combat the threat. We cannot allow the same situation to develop here as developed in Chile in 1973. The fascist coup there proved that parliament alone can not defend itself from an armed military coup but needs to organise the mass of the people to defend democracy by whatever means will be effective against armed fascists.

While Anti-Fascist Democratic Action, (which is a non-party organisation) will do its best to promote organisation on a responsible, disciplined, co-ordinated and effective level, we know that there are immature elements (who are justifiably angered and frustrated) who will allow themselves to be provoked by the fascists into adding to the level of public disorder and violence. This will give the overt fascists' secret military co-conspiritors a excuse to step in and seize state power, ostensibly " to restore law and order".

You have a duty to do all in your power to prevent such a situation developing, and that means restoring people's confidence in the government's ability and willingness to stop this provocative fascist violence and terror. Otherwise the people must draw their own conclusions. The responsibility is yours,

Yours sincerely,
Daphne Liddle.

Lambeth by-election claimed to be standing against vandalism. This self-sacrificial stand is bound to cause trouble in her marriage if she means what she says. Her husband boasts openly that it was he who smashed the windows of North Charlton Neighbourhood Centre, which is sponsored by the government's inner urban aid scheme. We look forward to hearing that she has put her foot down and insisted that he re-imburse the tax payers for the damage that he claims to have done.

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There was a high jink at Robin Beauclaire's Warwickshire farmhouse on March 19th. 35 fascist worthies were there to pay court to the indeflatable Mr David Dukes, a minor K.K.K. leader with a monor following. Outside the press scanned the horizons for burning crosses. The poor Special Branch men braced themselves against the cold and muttered about this being the time they would usually be sinking pints in the line of duty. Whereupon the iron aryan heart of the said Beauclaire momentarily melted and he invited them in for hot drinks. Altogether now - ahhhhhhhhh.....

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Now nice, Georgi Knuppfer, well known fascist leader of the "Integralists" movement has been kindly arranging for the Ukranian emigres (O.U.N.) to receive literature from the League of St George (by coincidence St George is also the "patron saint" of the Ukraine and not unrelated to the pre-Christian Ukranian "George-in-the-Green" demi-god). The League is of course quite "harmless", or rather it would be if it did not spend so much time organising para-military clubs from Bedford to Mersea in Essex and if its membership could cease playing with gelignite and immersing themselves in arms training courses organised by Column 88, another quite "innocent" little band of nazis. One companion of Knuppfer's in 1975 was Peter Daniel of the "Volunteers for Vietnam" (guess which side) and head of the British Volunteer Force (B.V.F.). They were photographed in amiable conversation at a meeting in October 1975 and seem to know each other quite well. Pardon us but does the O.U.N. know who Knuppfer is? Further, does Daniel know? And come to that, does Knuppfer know who the League of St George are? For the benefit of our readers I do assure them that the answer is YES to each and every question.

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Prize of the month goes to "British News", the journal of the nazi British Nat-

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ional Party (B.N.P.). The B.N.P., which is run by Hitler accolyte Eddie Morrison is to disband and "British News" advises its members to "join the N.F.". "British News" is also kind enough to tell us why, "The N.F." it says, "is the spiritual and material home of British Nazism". Thank you for telling us Mr Morrison.

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The Communist weekly "New Worker" struck a blow for the truth when it alone published the correct details of the Andrei Klimchuk affair. The "New Worker" states that his father was a member of the Hamalya Ukranian S.S. Mr Klimchuk senior, when confronted with this lamely said, "I only trained with the Germans until 1944." And the? And then he ran for his life all the way to Britain. His luckless son had something else to say after his arrest in the Soviet Union for being engaged in organising activities directed towards perpetrating particularly dangerous state crimes (including smuggling forged currency)," I regret very much what has happened. I accuse the O.U.N. (mentioned above) of drawing me into the anti-Soviet actions which have resulted in my arrest." He spoke of being brain-washed as a child and brought up in a spirit of hatred for the Soviet Union and also of the Ukranian emigre Taraskova camp in Derbyshire. During his visit to relatives now living in the Ukraine his pre-conceived notions concerning life in the U.S.S.R. were completely dispelled and he promised, on his return to Britain, to speak of the real state of things in the Ukraine and say that it was under the influence of Ukranian nationalists that he was deluded before his visit to the Ukraine.

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The N.U.S. conference, showing common sense, rightly rejected the dangerous nonsense put forward by Ms Slipman about rights for fascists and also rejected the unholy alliance which tried to get the conference to dole out such rights. It's very odd but Ms Slipman ran around demanding "justice" (i.e. the right to ignore the laws of other countries in which he is a guest) for the son of Klimchuk (had he in fact received JUSTICE instead of clemency he would still "be doing time" - a similar offence by a foreign student in Britain would not be let off so lightly nor receive so much publicity - see the news item on Soroya Ali). Now she demands rights for home grown fascists. She has, it seems, concern for everyone's rights except the potential victims of fascist violence. Those, apparently, she couldn't give a damn about. However the N.U.S. conference did care and told her so.GOOD!

Labour connection in buggings case

BY DAVE ROBERTS

Kenneth Day, the man named in the bugging plot (page one of our last issue) has admitted that he made bugs but he claimed that he had the for his own use. He denied that he was in any way political, despite overwhelming evidence to the contrary. However he told a local newspaper that he regarded the N.F. as "too Left Wing"! But the harder facts are now starting to emerge. In early 1976 Hinchley and Day were visited by Peter Marrinner, the fascist spy who rose to be election agent to M.P. Brian Waldren who was then tipped for cabinet office by many political commentators. This is interesting given the second claim that the group of plotters intended somehow to get at M.P.s and particularly Jewish M.P.s. My information is that three M.P.s were mentioned: the late Millie Miller, Julius Silverman M.P. for Birmingham Aston and Mr Sam Silkin, a prominent member of the Tribune group.

In recent months Labour Party documents have been found in the possession of people who are connected with Column 88, or the British Movement or the National Front. One such document is marked "Confidential" and is for agents, M.P.s and officials only. It is issued by the Labour Party's international department and advises on how to deal with some difficult questions including the situation in Portugal where Communists are progressing at Social Democrat expense. In the East Midlands another such document was a list of Community Relations Council offices. It had the word "target" written on it in blue ball-point pen.

The evidence points to a network of infiltrators from the fascist groups within the Labour Party. As one M.P. told me, "It was hard enough spotting Marrinner with all his long record of fascist activity, how far could someone with less activity get?". That question is worrying a lot of people right now.

HAVE YOU ANY NEWS OF FASCIST ACTIVITY IN YOUR WORK-PLACE OR LOCALITY? Contact Dave Roberts, 22, Ashmore Rd., Kings Norton, Birmingham B30 2HA.

Rawmarsh Anti-Fascist Meeting

Dave Roberts addressed a well attended meeting in the mining district of Rawmarsh, Rotherham on May 7th. The meeting was organised by the New Communist Party (N.C.P.) and was also attended by guests from the area N.U.M. and Anti-Nazi League. Dave gave a 50 minute report on the workings of fascism in Britain. The meeting was told by Gwyn Reed of the Party's Central and Political Committees that fascism in Rotherham was going to be "ruthlessly crushed" if the Party had any say in the matter, a sentiment widely applauded by the audience. Dave warned of an escalation of violence by the N.F. and the para-militaries, they were "desperate men and women who will not stop short of killing to achieve their objectives". Contributors condemned a pacifist approach towards fascism and stressed the need for a well organised and led struggle based on the proletariat. After the meeting Dave received other invitations to speak at anti-fascist meetings and these are being considered.

N.B. In Rotherham the single N.C.P. candidate polled 10% of the vote, equal to the combined vote of 5 N.F. candidates.

Book review: A Knife at the Throat of us All

BY DAVE COOK

This pamphlet is published by the "official" Communist Party (C.P.G.B.) - i.e. the Eurocommunists, not the pro-Soviet New Communist Party and has to be read in that context. Early in the work Dave Cook rightly points out that racism is not an automatic ploy of fascists, indeed there have been many fascist regimes that have not used it at all. It is, as he says, a political movement with certain distinct characteristics such as anti-Communism, anti-trades unionism and anti-bourgeois democracy and only in certain countries does racism form a part of its formidable battery of weapons. The National Front, in other words (as we are forever emphasising) does not constitute a threat only to immigrants but to the whole working classes and the basic democratic rights of 98% or more of the population. Consequently the struggle has to be against fascism in all its manifestations. Cook correctly claims the victory against Moseley's black-shirts for the then united Communist Party. But he does not mention the force that was needed and indeed goes out of his way to avoid the issue. Whereas the N.C.P. described the "fighting militancy of the C.P. and the working classes", Cook stresses Labour-Communist unity which does not give an accurate picture as the Social Democratic leaders were appeasing fascism at every turn. It was the fighting Communists who issued the slogan "They shall not pass" in the Daily Worker on that day in October 1936 and they alone who organised the struggle in our streets. Individual Labour Party members took part but that was in the wake of the Communist Party and its organisation. Likewise, whilst Cook points out the horrors of fascism and the tragedy of Chile, he fails to draw the lessons from it, namely that the Communists should have followed Cuban advice and armed the working class to prevent a coup which was so obviously threatening. It is this evasion of central issues which weakens the book. Cook provides many useful facts for his readers but on the question of N.F. finance he is quite inaccurate. He mentions un-named South African sources and leaves it at that. Not a word concerning the land and property bloc which finances British fascism: the Doyles, Hancocks, Chapmans, Gants, Clarkes or of Fontaine, Milton, Wright and Beauclaire. Neither does he raise the fact that British landed aristocrats back the Chilean junta e.g. the Duchess of Westminster a member of the richest landowning family in Britain. Or that bodies like the S.I.F which, for a time, housed many fascists, was and still is run by Sir Ian McTaggart whose land and property companies own tens of thousands of acres. He refers to the fascist movement as "capitalist" meaning ruling class. He does not acknowledge the split in the ruling classES which leads to fascism. All this apart, the book is good in parts and well worth reading providing you do not seek a cure-all, this book gives none.

MANNLN SHOWS US WHAT NOT TO DO continued

have agreed with us, in discussions, that opposition to immigration does NOT in itself constitute racism and that the best way of preventing fascism is to stress that fascism is a threat to EVERYONE in Britain, not just to immigrants, and that everyone in Britain will be safer if the working classes are solidly united and mobilised against fascism Slanderous attacks on British workers from immature middle-class intellectuals do not help to build unity. Immigrants in Britain have a very powerful ally in the organised British working classes so long as they do not allow their immature elements to insult, divide and weaken it.

Property man involved with nazis

BY L.A. BELL

A rich property man and former proprietor of the "City Press" is invloved with members of the nazi "Christian Vanguard Crusade Movement" in London. On February 12th 1977 this man, as leader of the "Anti-Dear Food Campaign" gave an address to a meeting organised by the "Anti-Communist Movement" and "Christian Vanguard" at Central Hall Westminster. He is also a leading member of the "New National Liberal Party" whose leaders include Right Wing extremists Alan Lomas and Air Vice Marshall Bennett. At the meeting, nazi literature was on display and the hall filled with members of the League of St George, British National Party National Front and British Movement. Booklets distributed by "Patriot" Books of Friars Close, Bebbington and originating in the U.S.A. with the Nazi Western Guard Party, gave advice on the construction of home made bombs.

The man has also been connected with W.I.S.E.(Welsh -Irish-Scots-English) run by a Ms Mason from Blackheath and his name is linked with the English National Party run from New Romney, Leicester by fascist die-hard Garry Wright. The magnate is Stanley Walter Alexander whose name first cropped up in the conversations of top fascists in late 1974. Alexander is a past president of the "Free Trade League". He spent a little time talking about cheap food but a lot of time expounding anti-democratic views. On the platform with him were the well known fascist dregs, Mary Stanton and Lady Jane Birdwood. Living in the lush world of Speed House in London's Barbican, Alexander makes a useful assett to the fascist movement but perhaps he is more than just that.

Hanman shows us what not to do

BY D. LIDDLE

In line with the general fascist dirty tricks campaign, ex-N.F., ex-N.P.U.K. member Philip Hanman from Eltham (who recently joined the Eltham Conservatives after an apparent change of heart and rejection of fascism and stood as a Tory candidate in the recent local elections) tried to smear local anti-fascists. He wrote to a local newspaper, the Kentish Independent under the name of "Patrick Rourk" - a representative of a new "anti-racialist" outfit which, according to "Patrick Rourk", was supported by many genuine local Left Wing groups and Trades Unions and suspected all Tory, Labour and other politicians who were "not totally committed to a policy of open immigration" of being racists, and that they would try to deny any platform to such "racists" in the borough of Greenwich, "by force if necessary". The paper failed to check out the false address he gave, which was in the same road as North Charlton Neighbourhood Centre, and published the story with a scathing attack on such extremist and divisive "anti-racism". This led to the Neighbourhood Centre being suspected as the centre of this non-existent outfit and many protests from those who had been quoted as its supporters. Neighbourhood Centre full time worker Peter Lowenstein immediately suspected that the whole thing was a spoof and contacted the paper. By sheer luck Hanman had made the clumsy error of using the same typewriter for his phoney letter as for another letter he had sent to the paper recently in his own name and the identical type-face was spotted and checked out. When confronted he admitted the hoax. The Eltham Conservative Party co-operated in the investigation and as soon as the result was known they acted with commendable speed in withdrawing their support for his stand in the local election (it was too late to prevent him standing) and disassociated themselves from his underhand activities. They have since expelled him in spite of a "vote of confidence" passed in him by a minority of Eltham Young Conservatives.

The frightening aspect of this is that before the hoax was exposed a few genuine but immature anti-racists had contacted the paper defending the stance of "Patrick Rourk" and that had he not used the same typewriter twice, the hoax would have been very difficult to prove. Thanks to Hanman's clumsiness we now have real evidence of the line that the fascists would like anti-fascists to take in order to play right into their hands. How many other fascist infiltrators and hoaxers are there still around pushing this extreme and divisive line among anti-fascists and succeeding in duping the immature? The fascists would love nothing better than that these youngsters, especially if they are immigrants, should be misled into slandering, insulting and alienating their greatest potential allies in struggle - the indigenous working classes - most of whom do oppose unrestricted immigration but are by no means racist. Responsible leaders of immigrant and other minority groups, including Dr Gewirtz of the British Board of Jewish Deputies

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LEEDS The British National Party (B.N.P.) has been disbanded by its leader Eddie Morris on. Formerly the N.D.F.M., it was run from a house in Richardson Rd., in Leeds and its members made no secret of their nazism. Wearing brown shirts and cross belts they terrorised areas of the city, beating, knifing and petrol bombing. Recently two of their activists were gaoled for knife attacks. The B.N.P.'s leaders were, at one stage, Brian Baldwin who represented Column 88, Joe Short the Sheffield nazi and Dave Myatt a satanist. Another former leader was Donald Mudie, the agent in Britain for the American fascist paper "Thunderbolt". The B.N.P. paper "British News" is to continue in the hands of Morrison. Announcing its disbandment the B.N.P. advises its members to join the National Front. It describes the N.F. as a "National Socialist Party" and it seems that the N.F. could be getting up to 300 new recruits as a result.

BIRMINGHAM The N.F.'s Sutton Coldfield branch refused admission to minor K.K.K. figure David Dukes when he arrived at the Horse and Jockey club on March 21st. He was accompanied by two officers from the Birmingham N.F. and had come from the plush Holiday Inn hotel. Earlier on the 17th, Dukes addressed 30 N.F. members at the Imperial Hotel in Temple St., Birmingham and on the 19th he was the guest of 35 assorted fascists at Robin Beauclaire's Warwickshire farmhouse. The Sutton branch was acting on instructions from Front H.Q. who found Duke's presence an irritation. Now a row is blazing between the N.F. leaders and its Birmingham branch over the snub.

MANCHESTER Soroya Ali, a 21 year old anti-fascist has been gaoled for 18 months at Manchester Crown Court after being convicted of possessing "offensive weapons", a piece of wood and ... wait for it,... some Jiff lemons. Ms Ali also bit a police officer's finger after he had assaulted her. Thus another "dangerous criminal" bit the dust.

Also at Manchester Crown Court 4 fascists were convicted of maliciously wounding 2 anti-fascists, breaking one's arm and partially blinding the other. Result? One was gaoled for 6 months and the others fined £75 each. One of those fined was Leeds N.F. thug Frank Burden. He had been photographed on an N.F. demo in June 1975 carrying a rifle but was not charged by police. He also claimed to be a U.D.A. member. On leaving Manchester Crown Court he returned to Yorkshire and beat up an Asian who turned out to be an off-duty policeman. This time Burden was gaoled for 9 months only! If Soroya Ali had been a fascist she would probably not have been charged at all.

SHEFFIELD The National Front was ordered not to stand candidates in either Sheffield or Doncaster by its national directorate. The official reason is cost but rumours are sweeping the Front of impending purges in the area party oganisation. In Sheffield N.F. officials took out nomination papers at the last minute in an apparent act of defiance but they were too late to be submitted. In Doncaster no papers were taken out.

LEEDS 18 candidates stood for the N.F. The B.N.P. had no candidates as it had merged with the N.F. However its members still wear brown shirts and its former leader Eddie Morrison sold "N.F. News" in a shopping centre wearing a swastika badge.

BIRMINGHAM The 22 N.F. candidates and 4 British Movement supported thugs standing as "Nationalists" polled just over 5,700 votes, or 3.8% of those cast, a decline in support. The N.F.'s youth section seem to be making sketches of Left Wing premises and fire-proof doors may be in order. The N.F.Y.M. is in contact with the ultra-nazi N.S.W.P.U.K.I. which has put up swastikas all over the city and also its militants have attended British Movement meetings.

MILTON KEYNES A new para-military group has appeared in Milton Keynes. Run by former N.S.M. thug Terry Flynn and ex-judo champion Margaret Sibert, it calls istelf "November 9th". The group, 30 strong, claims to be a "National Socialist Defence Force" and that it trains in an unspecified hall. Needless to say, neither of them have been arrested.

TELFORD Donald Mudie, Column 88's mouthpiece (he actually holds no rank) emerged to tell incredulous reporters that 88 "is not behind the bombings". Mudie, a caretaker at a local school, is a member of N.U.P.E.

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whose national offices were bombed. Formerly a member of the British Movement and organiser in Brtian for the American fascist paper "Thunderbolt", he is now a leader of a small but vocal National Socialist Workers Party of the U.K. and Ireland. The party is led from Dublin, Coventry and London by 3 other men, Terry Bryne, Pat Weba former marine commando and Ray Sweetman, a life-long nazi. Mudie had earlier denied that 88 still existed and it seems he was irked by not being let in on the order to commence terrorist activity.

HARROGATE A former member of the National Socialist movement, John Knight, has been questioned about the possession of fire-arms it is not clear whether or not he is to be charged under the fire-arms act.

READING We wish to correct a report in "FOREWARNED" no 2 concerning fascist John Brady. He was arrested in possession of weapons as we stated but received an 18 month and not 2 year sentence, as we reported, for causing grevious bodily harm.

DEVONPORT There is growing furore over the "leaking" of "official secrets" from the Royal Navy and local social security office to the N.F. Information has reached the N.F. regularly and police are believed to have questioned a man in connection with possible criminal offences.

NEWCASTLE Bruce Anderson-Lynnes, the local N.F. leader has quit the N.F. to join the local Conservative Party. SEARCHLIGHT revealed last week that Anderson-Lynnes was under pressure from opponents. It published a confidential N.F. document charging Lynnes with "acts against the party".

BRIGHTON The owner of the Heidelberg Hotel, leading British nazi Alan Hancock (63) has been fined £300 for possession of a gas gun. Hancock, who has Column 88 connections and is one of Britain's top ten nazis outside the N.F., claimed that the gun had been planted on him (see "FOREWARNED" no2).

CANTERBURY The man arrested in connection with K.K.K. activities was David Cooper, the former British Movement organiser. As reported in "FOREWARNED" no2, the man was arrested shortly after a cross burning ceremony in Kent countryside. He was released shortly after Williamson, the K.K.K. leader was arrested. He was apparently expected at Leeds railway station by police officers.

BRIGHTON Plates showing texts of the nazi horror pamphlet "Did Six Million Really Die" have been found in a Brighton garage. The organisation connected with the garage is the "Racial Preservation Society" run by Ted Budden. The author of the noxious pamphlet calls himself "Richard Harwood" but there is no doubt that his real identity is Richard H. Verral, the present editor of "Spearhead" and member of the N.F.'s national directorate. The publisher of "Did Six Million" - Historical Press Review, are run by Stratford-upon-Avon farmer Robin Beauclaire, art dealer Jimmy Doyle of Lewes in Sussex and the nazi Hancock family of Brighton, whose senior member was, as reported above, convicted of a weapons offence. Sales revenue from this ghoulish, sickening pamphlet goes to all of the fascist organisations including Column 88.

STAMFORD BRIDGE Colin Jordan, the head (in international eyes, because he was designated his heir by the late pre-war British nazi leader Arnold Leese) of British nazism has moved to a new home in Leeds. Jordan gave up the leadership of the British Movement in 1974 to Michael McLaughlin and retired to his Yorkshire farmhouse "to think things out". None-the-less, from there he effectively controlled much of the movement's activities and in 1975 and 76 he staged camps there under the aegis of the "Odinist Movement", the "Thor Guard" and the publication the "Raven Banner". Recently he has been seen in the company of leaders of the British National Party and the National Socialist Workers Party of the U.K. and Ireland. He has also had talks with key people in the N.F. - a fact that N.F. H.Q. has, almost hysterically, denied.

HIGH WYCOMBE John (Jan) Roberts, the N.F. publisher of the N.F.Y.M. paper "Bulldog" was fined £25 for a breach of the peace. He received a similar fine in Thurrock, Essex in 1976 and a suspended sentence prior to that for battering his wife. All good law and order stuff.

LONDON Two nazis, Paul Jarvis and Herbert Humphries have been charged with weapons offences as a result of raids by police in connection with the Column 88 bomb blasts. Jarvis, a member of both the N.F. and the British Movement, was charged with possession of 3 gas guns and Humphries with possession of a Birretta pistol. Humphries is believed to have been a member of Colin Jordan's National Socialist Movement (N.S.M) "It is likey that both men will be pleading not guilty" said a legal adviser. Neither of the men has been charged with any offence relating to the blasts and detectives do not apparently, believe that they took part in the incidents.

GLOUCESTER Owen Masters has been replaced as N.F. candidate for the city. The new candidate is an official of Hereford N.F. and the switch is a result of the embarrassing nazi image that Masters has given the N.F. He is the liason officer for the League of St George, an overtly nazi organisation and he specialises in international affairs for them. Numerous N.F. members also belong to the League, including Roger Clare and

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James McIntyre who run the N.F. film unit. But Master's activities were causing too much bad publicity for the N.F. and hence the tactical change.

WEST LONDON Richard Sullivan, the 17 year old N.F.Y.M. member stabbed by men who were "after Webster", to quote Sullivan, has quit the N.F. He told the "West London Observer" that "the Communists take more care of their people than the N.F. does".

RHYL The local Rhyl papers have been full of letters opposing the N.F. The many correspondents talk of the N.F. as being, "demagogic" "fascistic", "nazi", "un-democratic", and "an evil force". No letters supporting the N.F. have appeared as yet and Plaid Cymru the Welsh Nationalist Party has launched an attack on the N.F. which it describes as a threat to the Welsh people.

EAST LONDON A 28 year old is in hiding after defecting from the N.F. The man made a lengthy statement naming 5 men, who, he claimed, had committed terrorist offences in the East End of London, including plotting to rape a Maltese student activist. In recent months book-shops have been gutted by firebombs and the Labour Party offices in the area fired on by fascist gun-men. The defector claimed that there were links between Column 88 and the local N.F. The men he named were Glen Matthews; John Muzzlewhite, an N.F. member who talked of bomb making and boasted of his involvement with mercenaries; also Roger Evans of Wainault Rd., Leyton and Albert Marriner of 8, Clark St, Stepney, who is known by "FOREWARNED" to be involved with the League of St George and Column 88. The fifth man is subject to "FOREWARNED" investigation.

LAMBETH The Lambeth Central by-election contained some disturbing news for anti-fascists. The National Front, whose support seemed to be waning after violent scenes during one major election meeting, still picked up 6.1% of the vote and took third place ahead of the Liberals. Masses of workers, fed up and dissillusioned with parliament stayed at home and the 4 far "left" candidates between them managed less than 4% of the vote despite support from some local immigrant leaders. The result was:Lab, 10,311; Con, 7,170; N.F., 1,291; Lib, 1,104 and others 970.

KU KLUX KLAN LIST The list of K.K.K. agents in Britain seized by militant anti-fascists last month has been photo-copied and one copy sent to "FOREWARNED". The list has over 50 names on it and bears the insignia of the "United Klans of America". 3 members of the National Front appear on the list and one of them, Mike Stubbs, is an official in the Islington branch of the N.F. The other 2 are lesser members. The general lack of N.F. members is an indicationof the lack of appeal in its ranks for the "un-British" style of the Klan (as far as we are concerned all forms of fascism are un-British and un-human). Most N.F. members identitfy more closely with nazism and black-shirt type movements. Other than Stubbs, the list has no surprise names.

THE "GEBSTAGOFEST" Nazis from France, the U.S.A., West Germany, Belgium, Austria and Southern Africa assembled in Britain between the 17th and 21st of April for celebrations of Hitler's birth date. Celebrations took place in at least 7 parts of the country with the biggest "festivals" being held near Devizes in Wiltshire, in London and in Norfolk. Smaller parties were held in the West Midlands, Manchester, Leeds and Burnley in Lancashire. A considerable number of National Front members were present at these junkets including Ronald Tear, a leading Essex N.F. member and Andrew Fontaine, a member of the N.F. national directorate and the N.F.'s North Wales organiser. Column 88 divides its membership for the "Gebstagofest" which they held on the 20th. The League of St George celebrated a day later on the 21st in London. At one party a shooting contest was held and black and brown shirts worn bearing "sun-wheel" and 88 emblems.

"Count" Tolstoy

We are weary of the continual complaints of "Count" Nicolai Tolstoy concerning the return of 30,000 traitor collaborationist Cossacks to the U.S.S.R. under the Yalta agreement. He talks of a "million volunteers" to fight Communism drawn from the ranks of Soviet minorities. Yet the choice was,"volunteer or be shot". He spares no thought for the TWENTY MILLION WHO DIED IN THE STRUGGLE FOR THE SOVIET UNION (that's one in 12 of the population!). His only concern is for the few wretches who betrayed their families, friends and neighbours and helped the nazis committ atrocities. Like the National Front, Tolstoy (who is from an aristocratic landowning background) doesnot object to the war, only to who fought on which side - he too would like to have seen the British people forced to line up behind the murdering, black-hundred nazis efforts to turn the Soviet Union back to the days of savage feudal repression. It is a pity that he was not also returned to suffer the same fate as that infamous British collaborator and traitor James Joyce. Throughout Europe the heroism of the vast majority who refused to collaborate exposed the self seeking few who, in the end did not deserve or get sympathy from those they had betrayed.

The split in the National Front reviewed

A TWO PART ANALYSIS BY DAVE ROBERTS

PART ONE

The split in the National Front at the end of 1975 is the subject of continual discussion in many anti-fascist circles. There were those, like Martin Walker of the Guardian, who, at the time, predicted a clear victory for Tyndall's opponents and who saw the struggle in terms of "nazism" versus "anti-nazism". Others see the events as a clash of personalities and yet more see it as some sort of tactical struggle, a question of some sort of opportunism versus blatant fascism. I do not see matters in any of these terms to an absolute degree. I do think however that I should express a view-point on the origins of the split and describe the REAL events, of which Walker and co were ignorant and which have many lessons for anti-fascists both now and in the future. (Editor's note - it was during this period that Dave Roberts carried out research as "Ralph Marshall" from within the ranks of the N.F. and witnessed these events close at hand).

Broadly speaking there were 3 major factions at work in the N.F. during the period 174-75 and we should start best by identifying them. Firstly the "populist" faction headed by Roy Painter who was later joined as leader by John Kingsley Read. Its supporters, small businessmen, some self employed and a large middle class following in the party. Secondly the "brownshirt" or Strasserite" faction, headed nominally by the editor of "Britain First", Richard Lawson with David Mc. Calden. Their followers comprised some workers, students and N.F. "intellectuals". Finally the "loyalist" group of John Tyndall which included the bulk of the neo-nazi veterans and which had a following of worker and lumpen elements plus a section of the middle class membership . Behind it stood the vast powerful majority of the N.F.'s landowner and propertied members. A section of the party, middle class or lower paid worker stratum stood un-aligned for the time being.

We should see the catalyst for the split as being the objective conditions of 1974 and in particularthe influence exerted on the "Tory types" of Painter's ilk by events in this period. Between 1972 and 74 there had been waged a struggle for the "soul" of Right Wing radical Conservatism and this centred on the Monday club.

The candidacy of Jonathan Guiness in the finale to the struggle has been represented as a victory for moderation. But how "moderate" Guiness was and is can be amply demonstrated by the Meyer affair last year when he acted as host to S.S. Colonel Meyer who visited Britain to propagate a whitewash of S.S. activities during the last war. Basically Guiness was the candidate of the staus quo on the one hand (the candidate for preserving unity between the social classes which run the Tory Party) and the candidate of the Cecils, Whitelaws and Carringtons on the other, i.e. the candidate of the aristocratic landowner section of the ruling classes. In that respect Guinness stood to the RIGHT of Young who had limited N.F. support in the Inner Monday Club wrangle. In 74 a "silent" split took place which demonstrated that one section of the Tory Party was seeking an independent voice free of restraints imposed by the landed aristocrats (better known as the "Magic Circle") on the one hand and the liberal bourgeois industrialists to its left. This grouping was almost exclusively finance capital (banking) dominated and its driving forces were Ross McWhirter, George Kennedy Young and Lord D'Lisle.

Initially the businessman Kingsley-Read was in on the talks as the N.F.'s voice. But these talks were shattered by McWhirter's death at the hands of a Provisional I.R.A. squad and when they resumed Read had been pulled out by the N.F. The organisation which emerged was the non-fascist but never-the-less extreme Right Wing National Association for Freedom (N.A.F.F.). It stood between the Tory Party and the N.F. with the Monday Club somewhat FURTHER to the RIGHT of it. Around the same time a Right Wing Tory M.P., John Gorse, founded an organisation which claimed it would aid the self-employed. This, combined with the presence of the N.A.F.F. exerted quite a considerable pull upon the bourgeois elements within the N.F. It was this pull which opened the wounds in the N.F. to the point of factional inner strife.

Tyndall and his supporters retaliated against this pull in typical fashion. They promoted, through Lady Jane Birdwood and Ms Mary Stanton, an umbrella organisation, the Assembly of British Nationalists (A.B.N.) which attempted to ally the N.F. closer to some elements of the Monday Club, typified by Geoff Hunt; to draw in their nazi allies to the Right and lastly to serve as a focus for anti-populist struggle in the N.F. itself. It was noticeable that neither Ms Birdwood nor Stanton joined the N.A.F.F. and a leading role in A.B.N. was played by Beryl Carthew (secretary to Enoch Powell) who

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later joined the N.F. itself.

The opposition which emerged within the N.F. was a co-alition of Right Wing bourgeois elements and "left" national "socialists" who were hostile to Tyndall's landowner patrons to such a degree as to enter into an unholy alliance with overtly capitalist elements in the shape of Painter and Read. Having said that, it should be understood that the "Strasserites", were no less racist and no less nazi than Tyndall's group. To them the idea of a "racially pure state" controlled by workers was valid. As we know there are those who believe the that the earth is flat. We can no more question Lawson's beliefs than theirs but of course we can point out that there is no social system possible based on the premises they advance.

The alliance was very similar to the ideas advanced by von-Pappen and von-Schiller, the tools of finance capital in 1932. They attempted to form a co-alition between the finance capital bloc and the "left" or "socialistic" wing of nazism under Gregor Strasser. They hoped in this way to stave off both the Hitler dominated version of nazism and the growing tide of Red power led by Germany's K.P.D. (Communist Party). In the final analysis this bid failed because Strasser's anti-landowning and anti-aristocratic views were too much for the landowner dominated Reichswehr (army) which preferred Hitler, whose patrons included the brother of the Crown Prince. In the same way the "Night of the long knives" was the price of Hitler's accord with the Reichswehr. In that 24 hours of slaughter not only Rhoem and Strasser's brother perished with their followers but also the bourgeois politicians who had tried to negotiate the compromise. Von-Schiller was murdered too and von-Pappen lived only because of Goerring's personal intervention.

Because there were only two principal class forces at work in the N.F. we shall deal from now on in terms of Tyndall's supporters and Tyndall's opposition.

Early in the battle, the opposition succeeded in getting a "compromise" candidate John Kingsley-Read elected as N.F. president and they lodged repeated votes of no-confidence in Tyndall. Also in some areas they carried out phoney "de-nazification" campaigns, which they applied only to Tyndall's group and not, you will note, to Pirie, Marshall-Brown or Hitlerites on their own side of the fence. So much for this being an anti-nazi struggle!

At this stage the populist grouping decided that it would attempt to overthrow Tyndall and his followers and then either become an alternative to the Monday Club or possibly merge with them. It seemed to many, like Martin Walker, that Tyndall must be defeated. But they had badly misjudged Tyndall, his patrons and the machine he controlled. In the next issue I will give in detail the facts that most people do not know, facts that ensured Tyndall's victory, not in December 1975 but at least 3 months before that final struggle took place.

Nazis rejected by voters

The electoral advance of the nazi N.F. seems to have been at least temporarily reversed. As a result we are now likely to see them discarding their thin mask of respectability and parliamentarism, which has now probably served them as much as it ever will, and turning to increased terror and violence, as did the earlier fascists in the 30s and early 60s. It is regrettable that at present the police and Home Office seem reluctant or unable to control this upsurge of fascist violence.

The N.F. had high hopes in London but its old power bases failed it. The only high N.F. vote in Hackney (34%) was earned in a straight fight with Labour, with two thirds of the voters rejecting the N.F. in a low poll. This ward and at least 2 others were predicted to be N.F. gains as late as April 30th. In South London where the fascists hoped to do well, e.g. in Deptford where two years ago the N.F. and N.P.U.K. combined vote was 44% of the poll, on May 4th they were annihilated - beaten by two or three minor "left" wing candidates as well as by the major parties. In Greenwich hardly one N.F. candidate gained 3% of the vote and only two had more than 100 votes. The N.P.U.K. remnants, calling themselves the British United Party (B.U.P.) were also annihilated. They fared no better in either Lambeth or Newham, another former power base. Of their 602 candidates, at least 4 claimed that they were unaware that they were standing! There were numerous other charges of electoral fraud, obtaining nominee signatures by deception and the forgery of signatures.

If they had problems in London then it seemed to get worse for them as they went north. In Yorkshire (apart from Sheffield and Doncaster - see Round Britain News), their candidates were afraid to canvass in mining areas and those few who dared received a hostile reception. In Rotherham two of them were accosted by angry workers

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and in Leeds Webster and Brons were cut and bruised after a good hiding from anti-fascists. Later, to add insult to injury Webster received another pasting from Arsenal supporters on their way to board a train. Leeds and Bradford N.F. votes plummetted and everywhere they were left in disarray. Their new B.N.P. allieas went in for all out thuggery and nazi Eddie Morrison sold N.F. news in Chapeltown complete with swastika badge.

In Lancashire neither the N.F. nor the British Movement who stood in Liverpool had any luck. In Preston their 15 candidates ended up bottom of the poll and the same pattern was repeated in Cheshire. The British Movement had formed a branch in nearby Wrexham but their support was limited as the N.F.'s

In the Midlands the N.F. had their excuses ready. Nazi Harvey Stock, a British Leyland worker told Radio Birmingham that "smear campaigns" had stopped their advance. Stock is facing a civil writ for trying to abduct two young A.N.L. girls during the campaign and one candidate is facing court proceedings over faked signatures on his nomination papers. I Wolverhampton, Walsall, Sandwell, Stoke and Coventry fascist votes have collapsed compared to 1977 levels. In Dudley and Birmingham they held steady. Only in Solihull. Only in Solihull, a basically middle class area, did they improve their totals.

In the Rover var plant 3 of their shop stewards have been branched or fined for anti-union activity. Rover was a model industrial base for the N.F. of the kind that they had hoped to establish elsewhere. Now the fines follow the overthrow of N.F. control in the T.G.W.U. 909 branch.

The remainder of the country followed the trend with the fascists suffering more bad results especially in their new areas: Tyneside-Cleveland and the South West.

There are suggestions now that Webster is "on the chopping block. This is probably so but the real issue is the class movements which show that the N.F. suffered in both working class and middle class areas in higher than usual polls as voters made a two party choice. The "protest" vote nationally suffered, independents, S.N.P. and so on were all squeezed. But there can be no mistaking the over-all pattern of absolute rejection of the nazis once the vast majority of people realise exactly who and what they are. The credit for this must go to the growing active and militant anti-fascist movement. Furthermore they have shown that while the fascists can maintain the illusion that there policy is merely confined to stopping immigration, they can pick up a lot of votes, but once those voters realise that the National Front is gangster-fascist, nazi and hitlerite they reject it in no uncertain terms as they did in the 1930s.

But we must remain constantly aware that parliamentary electioneering is only a tactic of fascists, few ever come to state power, or even seek to come to power, by parliamentary means. It is the state machine as a whole that they wish to seize and they have no fond illusions of parliament being the master of the state. They know that real power lies with the armed forces, and in particular with the class that commands and officers the armed forces - the landowners - and this is one class where their support registered more often in terms of finacial support and provision of printing and arms training facilities than in mere parliamentary votes - has not waned. With land prices rising rapidly now the landowners need the protection of their hired gangster fascist thugs (who are acting in the same role as the landlordist murdering black hundreds in Tsarist Russia) to protect them from the land reforms that our industry needs so badly and which our bourgeois parliamentary government would love to pass but dare not.

The elections have been a severe setback for the fascists however, they indicate that the fascists and their landlord patrons are not going to be able to persuade the British people to accept their fascism and divisive racism easily or peacefully. We are not so easily duped as they had hoped.

But now we can expect a change of tactics from them, resorting more to terrorism and provocative violence to stir up trouble and communal civil war until the people of Britain are so sickened by it that they will be glad to accept "peace" at any price and will sit back and not oppose a military fascist take-over, only to discover after the take over that the communal war would continue at a higher level. Only with all the guns on one side and all the deaths on the other. This was the experience of the people of Chile where Allende to "avoid the bloodshed of a civil war" failed to organise and arm the workers to confront and disarm the fascist army officers. Since the coup there more blood has been spilt than would have been in any civil war but all on one side. Had the number of deaths been divided equally between the fascists and their oppoents there would not be a fascist left in Chile They and their landowner patrons comprise a very tiny minority of the population but powerful so long as we do not organise to stop them.

It could happen here

BY D. LIDDLE

Despite the alarming growth of support over the last few years (until very recently) for the landowner backed, gangster, nazi National Front (Martin Webster is an ex-thug once employed by a Rachmanite landlord), there is still a widely held belief throughout Britain that fascism is a peculiarly foreign phenomenon and that British people are too "decent", "democratic" and "sane" to permit, much less take part in the horrors that fascism imposes.

Although the vast majority of the British may merit such epithets, unfortunately history has proved that there is no race or nation, including our own, inherently incapable of being violently agressive, oppressive or of committing atrocities.

In every race and nation there are a few abnormal individuals with mal-formed and inadequate personalities, who are capable of torture, mass murder and other atrocities. Under normal circumstances in both workers' and bourgeois democracies they are denied any signifigant opportunites to fulfill their anti-social traits.

But when fascists seize power on behalf of the feudalistic landowners - a powerful but tiny minority - they not only encourage the unnatural sadists but actually need them to invike terror in the mass of the people, whom they must subjugate. Fascism, as the servant of the feudalistic landlords must disarm and dispossess their rival classes - the bourgeoisie and the workers. To destroy the wealth and power of the bourgeoisie and the very existence of the potentially revolutionary proletariat, they must run down industry. As a result of this they must enormously reduce the general standard of living of the vast majority. Eventually they must also reduce the population because an agrarianised Britain would support only about one tenth the population that industrialised Britain does. Whether or not this can be done , they must try. And in order to impose such measures without being overthrown in the process, they must keep the population in abject fear. This can not be done without the use of sadists.

Thus any nation's ability to committ atrocities, even against its own people, depends not on any "national character" but on the needs of the ruling class. And under fascist rule the tiny minority of large landowners need the most brutal imaginable measures in order to hold on to their power A fascist ruler has always to be looking over his shoulder for attempts to overthrow him, from both bourgeois-democratic and working class revolutionaries, from vengeful victims and from rival fascists. At the same time he must, to a certain extent at least, appease the demands of his lan downer sponsors (though their demands are simple and few - merely to be allowed to maintain their lordship over the land of the nation and to enjoy all the wealth and power that arises from this) remembering that these aristocratic landowners traditionally command the armed forces and can therefore give crucial consent to another rival fascist coup.

Therefore no fascist ruler dare be tolerant or liberal once in power. And he must do whatever he can to extend his own personal power, particularly over the armed forces. Otherwise he knows he is quickly doomed.

Furthermore, in every nation and generation the vast majority of the people, who, under normal circumstances, would lead quiet, industrious and respectable lives, are confused and afraid in the conditions of poverty and terror that fascism imposes. Thus, at first at least, they acquiesce, or turn a blind eye to, or even help in committing atrocities, not knowing what else to do in the absence of co-ordinated, organised anti-fascist leadership and guidance.

Many cases have been reported of rank and file soldiers being very reluctant to carry out their landowner-gangster fascist officers' orders, but doing so just the same because they could see no effective alternative. German soldiers who were required to round up Dutch Jewish families for deportation to death camps often carried out their duties in tears. In Chile in 1973, the guards at the infamous football stadium concentration camp were also in tears as they handed their charges over to the fascist torturers. Just a few days before-hand these young soldiers had acknowledged Allende as their president and over-all commander. Now their landowner gangster officers had led them to betray and kill Allende and they were confused and did not know what to do except obey orders.

We must make sure that there is a mass industrially based,well organised anti-fascist movement to give our young soldiers the confidence to defy any orders to take part in, or acquiesce to a fascist coup here. Without their support or acquiescence the fascists are doomed. Under such circumstances and ONLY under such circumstances can we justifiably say that it can't happen here.

CORRESPONDENCE

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Dear "Forewarned"

Throughout the left in Europe as well as here, the role of armed struggle is misunderstood and under-discussed . By discussion I don't mean the sanctimonious sermonising of the Trots, and by understanding I don't mean people need definite theory of pre-revolutionary situations mapped out by comrade Lenin. (Oh for a mills bomb for every time I have been gripped by some earnest child of Leon and been bored witless by their pseudo-religious evangelism).

The confusion about armed struggle is so widespread it's just not true. Our comrades in the I.M.G. support unconditionally perhaps the most bigotted, sectarian, anti-libertarian army anywhere in Europe (and I don't mean the British army) yet the R.A.F., a group of people with impeccable I.M.G. qualifications (middle class, well educated etc.) are treated as though they were fighting for the other side (I must make it plain that I do not subscribe to the views expounded in "Forewarned" 2, in the "Italy" article). Apart from the worth per se of helping "people" like Schleyer to suicide, there are other reasons for a fuller discussion of the situation.

I believe that the threat to freedom (not that we have any) lies in the state and its continued move towards corporativism. The way that the Communist Parties in Italy, France and Spain are gaining respectability and the way that the Labour, Liberal and Conservative parties are using their combined powers to keep the job of ruling among them frightens me more than the fear of fascism put out by the "respectable left" (and even the Communist Party, bless their sectarian socks, are trying to work out a historical compromise with the Labour Party) We need people who are willing to take a few risks, kill a few people like Moro, make the pope look the pompous incompetent he is, show the snivelling grovellings of a once arrogant pig like Schleyer or Moro trying to save his worthless life. They are examples of what the power of the state is when confronted by a group of committed people, that is, nothing much. But if every time a pig goes to the slaughter the left get hysterical and start panic by pessimistic talk about fascism on the way because one man gets kidnapped, then we deserve to stay exploited.

The death of individuals I feel is greatly over-rated. For instance in Ireland the army has been occupying the 6 counties for 8 years as a lot of people were getting killed. People are still getting killed. In Britain not many people get killed for political motives but the army still has giant operations in heathrow etc. They are practising. They are coming anyway, people just close their eyes and hope they'll disappear, or ignore the threat because Trotsky never mentioned the possibility of a military take over in Britain. Now if the people were to show this to be true by knocking off a couple of top notch M.P.s (suggestions on a postcard please)* would they be helping to introduce fascism, or merely accentuating the problem, and maybe even making the state un-prepared, therefore vulnerable? This terrorism-fascism link is pretty tenuous and certainly needs a lot of discussion.

Until the day the barricades come out our enemy remains the same; the state and its appendages. Everything to do with the state is a valid target, we need no qualms about Moro being a family man or a Christian, he is the state, the state is our oppressor and we will see a lot more suicides before it rolls over and lets us live.

What we need now is a fuller understanding of the motives of guerilla groups, even working on the assumption that "my enemy's enemy is my friend", we, the underground, should never join the hysterical Daily press in condemning the Red Brigade without a little more thought,

Yours in struggle

"Tom E. Gunn" (London)

*Literal minded readers, please do not take this too seriously - editor.

Dear Daphne,

We've read the 1st and 2nd issues of "Forewarned". We do not support any "united front" basis especially with groups whose authoritarianism only helps engender the kind of atmosphere, which in crisis conditions, fascist groups are able to feed on. Also, whilst recognising that there is an important connection between landed interests and fascism, particularly in the less well developed parts of the world, this kind of analysis is far too over simplified in the European context, Fraternally, M.Ballard

Manchester

Editor's reply

The letter from "Tom E Gunn" is a little confusing, he sees the main threat from the growing corporativism of the state and seems weakly resigned to an inevitable take over by the army and yet says that we are alarmist to draw attention to the dangers of fascism. He seems so resigned that he does not think it makes much difference if a few acts of ultra-"left" individual terrorism actually provoke the onset of fascism a little earlier than it would have come anyway. And yet he calls us pessimistic! He sees no distinction between between bourgeois politicians like Moro and the military fascists. But has he never noticed that whenever a military junta seizes power, the first thing it does is to shoot the entire former government. For that reason if for no other, men like Moro, although never likely to be reliable friends of the working class, can be relied upon to be anti-fascist. Also can he not see that this tendency of fascist juntas points to a fundamental difference of class interests between the Moros and the juntas which can be of value to the working classes in combatting fascism? The adventurist, middle class tactics of the "Red" Brigades have thrown away all advantage that may have been gained by that division within the ruling classes. The ruling classes have for long and weary used the divide and conquer tactic against the working classes. Are we so thick that we cannot see the possib.ility of its reversal? Certainly Lenin used the divisions between the landlordist counter-revolutionary Kornilov and the bourgeois Kerensky to the advantage of the working classes successfully. Furthermore, how many battles throughout history have been thrown away by a few undisciplined idiots breaking ranks and charging the enemy before the rest of the army is in a position to follow up. The struggle MUST BE CO-ORDINATED.

Mr Gunn also says that a few committed terrorists can expose the state as impotent. He mistakes the parliamentary puppet front men for the state machine itself. The real strength and power of the state lies, as it always has, in the armed forces (the fact that they are rarely called upon to act only indicates their deterrent value) and it is another matter for a few lunatics to take them on single handed. The murder of the odd M.P. changes absolutely nothing fundamental about the state. The road of individualist , adventurist terrorism has always been false. The only two notable attempts in this direction to survive total obliteration, the Provisional I.R.A. and the mafia (which BOTH started out as justifiable national liberation struggles) have both degenerated into gangster protectionism.

To really counter the threat of military fascism you must take away the power base of the fascists. To do this will take a veritable army of anti-fascists and the proletariat is the class that has the natural collective, democratic discipline to form the core of such an army. Once such an army is mobilised the "white hope" of the fascists, i.e. the rank and file soldiery, will have enough confidence in the anti-fascist movement to defy their fascist officers' orders to take part in, or acquiesce to a military coup, as happened in the Kornilov affair. Once their power source is removed the landowners and their fascist henchmen a reduced to a pathetic bunch of selfish, sadistic, psychopathic inadequates and the proletariat will know how to deal with them. Indeed, in the Kornilov affair it was the rank and file Cossacks who, after discussions with the mobilised workers, dealt with their own extreme Right Wing counter-revolutionary officers.

In answer to the letter from Mike Ballard I am sorry, I must disagree with you on the question of authoritarianism. We do think that the working classes have not only the right but the duty to exert their collective authority to defend their albeit limited, but never-the-less hard won democratic rights and freedoms AND MATERIAL STANDARD OF LIVING from the threat of a fascist takeover. We believe that those who do the lion's share of the work of producing the wealth and power of the nation, have the right, collectively, to the lion's share of the rewards and authority. And as Engels once said (in slightly different words) there is nothing more authoritarian than the revolutionary proletariat once it is on the move, and we say woe betide the fascist who tries to stand in its way.

To Mrs Allison of Huddersfield I say that we are sorry that we could not print your letter due to lack o space but we are glad that you like the paper.

To Jim Strong and Pat Anley, who wrote letters putting similar criticisms, we shall publish your letters next issue with the fairly lengthy reply that is needed, dealing with the question of the corporate state and the fact that the fascism which the world has experienced to date does NOT correspond either politically or economically with the ultimate development of monopoly finance capital imperialism but rather with regressive feudalistic anti-industrialism.

And to Pat Anley, yes we Do welcome critical letters that give us the opportunity to take the explanation of our analysis of fascism to a deeper level and open a proper debate on the subject. If you wish to keep up with the debate I advise you to take out a subscription to "Forewarned".

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"FOREWARNED" has to be self supporting - we are connected to no other political organisation - we have no subsidy. We started in March with just £20 and a typewriter. We are making steady progress but lack of cash still limits the number of each issue that we can produce and therefore our income. Number two had to be printed twice - the money from sales of the first printing financing the second. Our sales of the second printing enabled us to trade our Olivetti pica for a Remington elite, giving our readers more print per page and even better value for money.

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SOON WE WILL ALSO NEED GOOD ARTISTS AND CARTOONISTS WHO ARE PREPARED TO WORK ON A VOLUNTARY BASIS.

The Britain-D.D.R. Society has an excellent English speaking film (16mm) "Did you know Kappler". It deals with the rise of neo-nazism in the F.R.G. and can be obtained from Sheila Taylor at the Society's offices 129, Seven Sisters Rd London N7

ALL ANTI-FASCISTS ARE ADVISED TO BE CAREFUL WITH THEIR MAIL. IF YOU RECEIVE A SUSPICIOUS PACKAGE DO NOT TAKE CHANCES, CALL THE POLICE. IT IS BETTER TO BE SAFE THAN SORRY!

April 30th

We were very pleased to see so many young working class people who are not normally involved in politics at the big A.N.L. rally in East London proving that in spite of the 42 years that have passed since the end of the war these young workers are very much aware of what nazism is and totally reject it. We are convinced that this great anti-fascist offensive influenced the recent local election results. But we were disappointed to see the A.N.L. allow a divisive note into its propaganda in counterposing the rally to the May Day march.

"FOREWARNED" organisational news and progress report

So far things have been going very well for "FOREWARNED". We have more than achieved most of the goals that we set ourselves. We are begining to receive subscriptions from many industrial workers and trades unions who are following the example set by Warley Trades Council, including Lady Victoria N.U.M. from Dalkeith, miners in South Yorkshire and Birmingham's commercial T.G.W.U. regional officer Alan Law. In addition we have made sales to building workers from South Wales, steel workers from Corby, ship-yard workers from Tyneside, T.G.W.U. and A.U.E.W. workers from Dagenham and many, many more workers and their representatives. In Birmingham the A.S.T.M. S. officers have passed on our sales circular to their regional council and in Yorkshire members of the N.U.M.; A.P.E.X. and the regional council of the T.G.W.U. have enquired about bulk order of issue number 3.

We are also pleased with the level of correspondence which is begining to arrive. It seems that we have achieved our aim to open up a real debate on the class nature and causes of fascism. We hope that this will lead to many comrades taking a much closer look at theories about fascism which have prevailed since 1935 but which subsequent history has shown to be erroneous. Far too many on the Left Wing accept these theories without thought (as we used to do) because it is easier not to think too deeply and notice the glaring errors which history has now revealed in these theories. For far too many it is too easy just to accept the ruling class as a totally reactionary entity undivided and formidable and to over-look the various shades, divisions and differences of economic outlook within the ruling class which can be of enormous advantage to the working classes. We shall also show that Marx and Lenin by no means ignored these divisions within the ruling class and gave us the means and the clues by which we may analyse these differences of outlook among the ruling classes and how these give rise to protectionist, gangster, landowner-blackhundred backed fascism.

We are well pleased with over-all sales but a little disappointed that sales to workers have not reached the proportion that we had hoped for.

We have had many street sales : at an A.N.L. meeting in Lewisham (12 sold); at an anti-fascist meeting in Highbury (56 sold); at an anti-fascist celebration in Deptford (53 sold); at the big A.N.L. and Rock Against Racism rally in East London on the 30th of April (200 sold); on the rather wet May Day march (53 sold); at the Y.C.L. Challenge Festival on May 13th (60 sold) and on the anti-fascist march from Aldgate to Hyde Park on May 14th (55 sold).

At all of these street sales we met met old aquaintances and made new and had very many useful discussions. One comrade from Birkenhead has volunteered to take our paper into the Merseyside area and try to get it into Liverpool book-shops.

Sales were so high that we were obliged to print number two twice and even so we have only a handful left. Our turn-over of cash is becoming pretty good - we now have left only 3 copies of number one and about 15 copies of number two. We have been able to trade our old temperamental Olivetti pica for a Remington elite (and with a little luck and a small soldering iron we should have the rebel h key sorted out by next issue).

We have also been busy drafting RULES AND PROGRAMME for Anti-Fascist Democratic Action and will publish them either in issue 4 or 5.

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We have had many equiries about discussions and meetings. Already Dave Roberts has spoken at an anti-fascist meeting in Rawmarsh and is considering invitations to speak in the West Midlands and Oxford. IF YOU WANT A SPEAKER FROM ANTI-FASCIST DEMOCRATIC ACTION Then please write to 45, Gooding house, Valley Grove, Charlton, London SE7 8AT but can you please provide our travelling exoenses - as yet we are still very poor. SEND US THE TICKETS AND WE'LL COME.

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